

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER



THE LAMP

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105

MAY 2024

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It was way back in the Old Testament, before the kings ruled Israel, the Judges ruled. It was a time when Israel was struggling, and everyone was doing what seemed right in their own eyes. God reached down and chose a woman of great faith. Her name was Deborah.



Pastor Randy

Deborah was a prophetess, God spoke to her and she relayed His word to the people. As a judge she ruled and individuals came to her to settle their disputes.

Her best known faith example is when the Israelites cried out to God for relief after 20 years of oppression from the king of Canaan. King Jabin had 900 iron chariots and ruled in northern Israel. Deborah lived in the south just outside Jerusalem. She summoned Barak a commander from the tribe of Naphtali. When he arrived, Deborah gave to him God's plan:

She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you: 'Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.'" (Judges 4:6-7)



Barak was hesitant to go so insisted Deborah to go with him. She agreed but told Barak he would now lose the honor of capturing Sisera, and now the honor would go to a woman.

God would bring them a great victory through a torrential downpour that flooded the Kishon River leaving the king helpless, and his chariots stuck in mud. **continued on page 15**

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Our mission is to faithfully communicate the love of God, nurture people in their Christian faith, and equip people to bring the love of Jesus to others.

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Worship Schedule

Sundays - 8:00am (Chapel), 9:00, *10:30am (Sanctuary)

Mondays - 7:00pm (Chapel)

* Livestreamed service

Communion Schedule

1st & 3rd Sundays - 9:00am and 10:30am

2nd, 4th & 5th Sun./Mon. - Sun. 8:00am; Mon. 7:00pm

Stewardship Report

Month:	March 2024	2023
Weekly Attendance Averages		
Worship	559	341
Bible Class	113	171
Sunday School	20	23
Monthly Attendance Totals		
Communion	487	633
Visitors	120	67
Month: March	2024	2023
Income and Expenses		
Income received	\$249,769	\$179,441
Budget requirements	\$189,071	\$183,132
General fund expenses	\$187,448	\$172,116
YTD Fiscal-year income	\$1,442,037	\$1,416,614
YTD Fiscal-year expenses	\$1,241,937	\$1,204,061

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

MORE THAN A NEGATIVE

Even if you've never had to testify in court, a thousand TV shows have made you familiar with the question, "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" Why not just make people swear to tell the truth? Or make them promise not to lie?

Any parent who has ever had to interrogate a child about a broken cookie jar or a scuffle over a toy knows the answer. There are plenty of ways to try to get out of trouble without technically lying. You tell just enough of the truth to skate on by.

We often play the game of seeing how close we can get to sinning without technically going over the line.

But in our heart of hearts we know that this is not what God intended when He gave us the commandments. He's not giving us a merely negative rule and challenging us to just barely stay away from this or that. There is much more to each commandment than a prohibition. We shouldn't just avoid murdering people — we should be of service to our neighbor.

For each negative prohibition in the commandments there is a positive good that we are to cherish and protect. In the Eighth Commandment, that gift is the reputation of our neighbor and our relationship with him:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Your relationship with your family members (who are your nearest neighbors), the other members of your congregation, your coworkers and your friends is one of the most precious gifts you have been given. You need to exercise good stewardship with this gift just

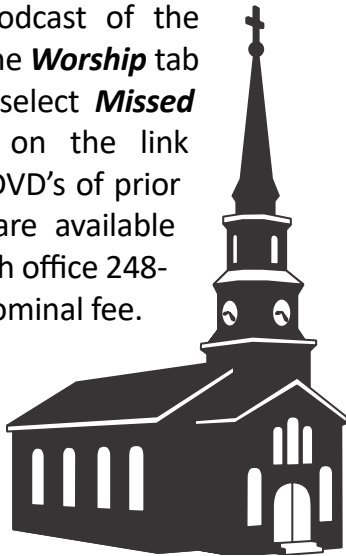
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MISSED CHURCH?

If you are unable to attend church on Sunday morning, here's some options to enrich yourself in our worship services.

- Watch our 10:30am worship service LIVE online wherever you are. (Check out **"How to watch Sunday Services LIVE online"** in this Lamp edition)
- Monday night worship in the Chapel at 7:00pm.
- **Watch your local cable provider's community station.
- **Listen to a Podcast of the service. Under the **Worship** tab of our website, select **Missed Church?** Click on the link provided. CD & DVD's of prior weeks services are available though the church office 248-644-4010 for a nominal fee.

**Keep in mind the video will be from the week prior.



ITTY-BITTY BUDDY BAGS

Welcome, little ones, to Redeemer! Learn about Jesus while you sit in church with mommy and daddy by borrowing an Itty-Bitty Buddy Bag for babies and toddlers. Filled with soft toys, books and cuddly things, you can learn to listen, watch, and participate in the service. Please return used bags to Nicole Olds' office after the service. If you want to play and make a lot of noise, we have a nursery just for you with lots of toys.



If you give online regularly, you should be receiving **SPECIAL ENVELOPES ONLY**. (ie.

Thanksgiving, Christmas, Lent envelopes) on a quarterly basis. As always, if you wish to receive NO envelopes (including special envelopes) please let the church office know.



Offering Envelopes

X ShelbyNEXT Giving

Go to redeemberirmingham.org and click the "GIVE" box or scan this QR Code to be taken to the giving page!



PRAYER OF THE MONTH

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger, I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe have no power over me. Amen
Martin Luther morning prayer



Hearing Loop
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

Our Sanctuary Has A Hearing Loop To Assist Those With Hearing Loss. Users should set their hearing aids to T-coil. Please see an usher if you have questions or for additional information.



How do I watch Sunday Services LIVE online?

1. Go to the church website
www.redeemberbirmingham.org
2. Click the first *Vimeo* square on the front page of the website.
3. Click on the video that has the **LIVE** indicator. The indicator will appear when the service starts.



IMPORTANT NOTE: When viewing on smartphone or tablet: Right below the church description, select the word **VIDEO** to watch the current live video and **ABOUT** to learn more about Redeemer. You can watch **PAST VIDEOS** under the Showcase option.

How do I watch past services or other videos on demand?

1. Go to the church website
www.redeemberbirmingham.org
2. Click the second *Vimeo* square on the front page of the website.
3. This will take you to “**Redeemer’s Showcase Page**” where you can view all of Redeemer’s past videos. Choose the category you’d like and select the video.

Please feel free to call the church office if you are having trouble viewing any videos.

NOTE: If you are having a difficult time hearing the audio on vimeo, press the closed-caption option to **READ** what is being said. The closed caption button is the CC (in a box) on the lower right of the screen.

Mystery Prelude

Our very own Rick Helderop will play one of your favorite/meaningful songs in the Prelude spot at all the Sunday Services for that day (8am, 9am and 10:30am). It doesn't have to be a hymn! It can be your wedding song, a song that reminds you of a loved one, or even a catchy tune you just LOVE! Your name and the significance of your selection will be printed in the bulletin and the song will be revealed in the announcements. Sign up for one of the available Sundays on the front page of the website or scan this QR code to be taken directly to the form. It is \$10 and ALL PROCEEDS GO TO OUR MISSION FUND! Thank you for participating!



Flower Sign-ups Available!

Sign up now for either Altar or Lectern flowers in the Sanctuary or the Chapel. (Sanctuary/\$55; Chapel/\$50; Lectern/\$45) The sign-up charts are up on the Town Square bulletin board and are also available online via sign-up genius (links found on the front page of the website www.redeemberbirmingham.org by clicking the **Ways to Serve** box then the **Altar and Lectern Flower Signup** box). Once you sign-up, you will be contacted about a dedication/payment a month before your date OR you can fill out your dedication form and pay online with a link in the flower chart signup. When picking up your flowers, **please leave the flower liners behind for the next week’s flowers!!!** You can pick up Sanctuary flower after 10:30am worship and Chapel flowers after the Monday 7pm worship. If you need assistance, please contact the church office at 248-644-4010 or office@redeemberbirmingham.org and we would be happy to assist you!



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PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP

Be a Reader*

Would you like to read the Old Testament and Epistle Scripture verses during worship? We need readers ages 5-95 for ALL worship services! You can sign up under the **WAYS to SERVE** box via the church website or by contacting the church office (office@redeemberirmingham.org).

Family Ushering

Your family can help out the congregation by ushering on a Sunday morning! You'll be handing out bulletins and passing the offering plates during the service. The job is easy enough that kids can help too... PLUS there will be an usher at the service with you to help you every step of the way! Sign up under the **WAYS to SERVE** box on the church website or contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org).



Be a Greeter*

Can you say "good morning"? Can you shake hands and smile? Do you have 15 extra minutes on a random Sunday morning? Are you looking for an easy way to service your church? Then YOU can do a very important outreach job... greeting! Redeemer is looking for volunteers to help greet at the Town Square doors before the 9am and 10:30am services. Grab a friend or your family! This is a great, easy way to get kids involved with serving the congregation. You can sign up under the **WAYS to SERVE** box via the church website or by contacting Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org).



Scan QR code to go to **Redeemer's website** click on the **WAYS TO SERVE** box to sign up to **VOLUNTEER**

* **signups are also available on the Town Square bulletin board**

Host a Coffee Hour*

We need volunteers to host coffee hour on Sunday mornings throughout the year! It doesn't have to be anything fancy, and we'll give you easy-to-follow directions on how to do everything! Grab some friends and do it together! What a GREAT way to serve your congregation! You can sign up under the **WAYS to SERVE** box via the church website or by contacting Kim Davis (248-613-4200).



Acolyte & Crossbearing

The Redeemer Acolyte Program is a service requirement for students in the Confirmation program in grades 6-8, and open to all who wish to volunteer. The schedule is up if you'd like to sign up. You can sign up under the **WAYS to SERVE** box via the church website. If you have any questions, contact Laura Vowell at laura@redeemberirmingham.org.



COMMUNION

If you would like communion to be brought to you, **please let an usher know before the service begins** and they will be sure that you are accommodated.

BIBLE STUDIES



SUNDAYS

Sunday Bible Study - after 9am service
Rev. Ronald Farah - **Study of Romans**
all year long on Sundays, (Scheidt Room)

New Member Class (fall only)
Sundays, 9-10am (Great Room)
contact Laura Vowell if you are interested in becoming a member or just brushing up on your Lutheran knowledge

Children's Sunday School
Nicole Olds - Sundays, 10:30am
(lower-level classrooms)

Redeemer Youth Group (High School)
Gia Scheidt & Eric Wisniewski - Sundays, 7pm
check instagram for updated information.



SMALL GROUP

In-home gatherings are people committed to growing together spiritually, caring for and ministering to one another, reaching others with the love of Jesus and, ultimately, sharing life victories and challenges.

Talk to Pastor Randy if you are interested in joining or starting a small group at 248-644-4010 ext. 119



Young Adult Lunch

Sunday, May 5th, after 10:30am worship

Young Adult Bible Study

Thursday, May 2nd, at 6:30pm

TUESDAYS

Adult Bible Study - Tuesdays, 9:30am
Pastor Jimmy - **Study of James**
(Great Room)

Women's Bible Study - Tuesdays, 6:30pm
check page 23 for more information
(Great Room)



WEDNESDAYS

Men's Bible Study - 6:45-7:30am
Gary Priskorn - **Study of Acts**
Check page 27 for more information
*Zoom available - all year long
(Great Room)

Positive Parenting - 9:15-10:45am
Victoria Ilitch & Kristin Thompson-see next page for more information
(Great Room)

Core Group (High School) - 6-8pm
Gia Scheidt - (Youth Room)

Confirmation Classes - 6-8pm
Laura Vowell - (various rooms)



THURSDAYS

Young Adult Bible Study
1st Thursday of every month
Michael's house (3217 Maplewood Ave. in Royal Oak) text Michael Banerian to RSVP (248.925.7125)

For more information on a particular study, contact the names indicated, check the bulletin announcements, or call the church office at 248-644-4010 for more specifics.

POSITIVE PARENTING

Positive Parenting would love to have you join in for any of our May sessions. We are looking forward to a cozy month of fellowship as we study parenting strategies, analyzed through the lens of our Faith and scripture.

Our wonderful Redeemer nursery is available for your younger children at no charge on Wednesday mornings when we meet, *with no advance sign-up required*. Please stop-in, we meet weekly in the Great Room from 9:15 - 10:30 am on Wednesdays. Please reach out to Kristin Thompson (kethompson1@gmail.com) or Victoria Ilitch (victoria.ilitch@gmail.com) with any questions!



EVENT SCHEDULE Redeemer Young Adults

- BIBLE STUDY: FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH
- MONTHLY SOCIAL EVENTS AND OUTINGS
- CHURCH LUNCHESES: FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH AFTER 10:30 SERVICE

TEXT MICHAEL BANERIAN TO GET INVOLVED!
(248) 925-7125

COME GROW
With us



TIME TO UPDATE YOUR MEMBER PROFILE!

Please make sure you login to **ShelbyNext Membership** to confirm/update your family's profile information OR send your updated information to office@redeemberirmingham.org. (If you need your login credentials for ShelbyNext, reach out to the church office). You can download the **ShelbyNext Membership app** on your smart device (**redeemberirmingham** is the domain name you enter) to have access to the directory and church calendar on the go or you can login to ShelbyNext Membership on your desktop computer from the front page of our website.

****Please note, we no longer mail a printed directory because the information in our online directory is always current. If you would like a printed copy, please contact the church office at office@redeemberirmingham.org and we can print the most current directory.**



Donations made to the Memorial Fund in memory of John and Donelle Kilburg, parents of Megan Rettray.

Donation made to the A/V Fund in honor of Greg Merryman's Birthday

Donation made to the A/V Fund in memory of Grace Holland, mother of David Kiehle.

GIVE A MEMORIAL GIFT

A memorial is a gift given in memory of someone who has gone to be with their Lord. If you would like to donate to a specific ministry in memory of someone who has passed, you can use a memorial card located in the church office or specify on your check the ministry and the person whom you are memorializing.

Often times, families would like to donate an item in memory of a loved one, (ie. paschal candles, benches, altar items, trees...any items the church may need). For more information on this, please contact Pastor Randy, the senior pastor.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGS

May 8

June 12

If you would like to be a part of the Leadership team, please let Pastor Randy or the church office know. Please provide a paragraph as to how you feel you can contribute to the team.

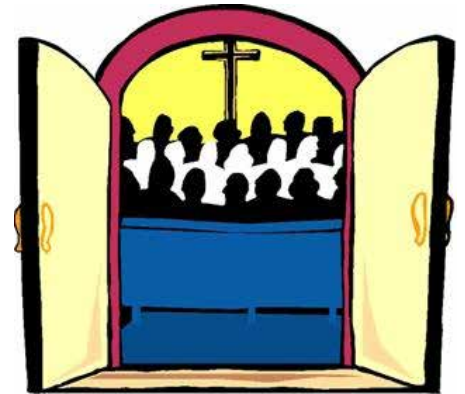
BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING

June 19

Congregational Meeting

Sunday,
June 23

after the 10:30
worship service



Come Celebrate with Us!

Westmaple Nursery School Graduation

May 23, 2024

9:30am in the Sanctuary



ATTENTION

ANYONE WHO HAS EMAIL!

If you ever receive an email from Pastor Randy asking for gift cards or ANYTHING of value, **please disregard it**. Always look very carefully at the email address. If it is not from **rschlak@redeemberirmingham.org**, it is **NOT FROM Pastor Randy**. Please ignore the email and **DO NOT REPLY**. If you are uncertain, you can always forward the email to **office@redeemberirmingham.org** or call the church office at 248-644-4010 and we will look into it for you.

Michigan District, LCMS presents
Lutheran Adult Gathering
October 11-13, 2024 | Mackinac Island, Michigan
michigandistrict.org/lag24

New Beginnings
IN HIS PRESENCE
Revelation 21:5



You are invited to the
Lutheran Adult Gathering
October 11-13, 2024

You are invited to the Lutheran Adult Gathering at the beautiful Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, October 11-13, 2024. Since 1981, the Lutheran Adult Gathering has brought together believers to this spectacular setting to be spiritually strengthened for service to Christ in this world. The theme for the 2024 Gathering is "New Beginnings IN HIS PRESENCE," based on Revelation 21:5. Nationally renowned speakers will inspire and encourage us to connect with the next generation of believers with the hope-filled and unchanging message of the Gospel.

Register Online

at michigandistrict.org/lag24.
Registration fee includes ferry service and conference costs. It does not include hotel reservation. Upon completion of your conference registration, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to the hotel reservation system.
Registration deadline is September 10, 2024.

\$50/person

Conference Location

The Grand Hotel
286 Grand Ave | Mackinac Island, Mich.
The Grand Hotel's preserved architectural charm and relaxing atmosphere have made it a highlight among Gathering attendees since 1981.

Hotel price includes: 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, and tips.

Single Occupancy \$799

Double Occupancy \$484.50
per person

Keynote Presenters

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Gibbs
Mrs. Renee Gibbs

Also Featuring

Rev. Dr. Ryan Tinetti - Chaplain
100 White Flags - Music
Ms. Lizzie Boeck - Entertainment

Sponsors

Church Extension Fund
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A message from Pastor Jimmy

I wanted to give everyone an update on where I am at in the SMP program. As of May 13, I have completed the last online class in the program. My last class will be an intensive the week of June 3rd. Upon successful completion of that class I will have completed the SMP program. I want to thank you all for your encouragement and support-it was an important factor in my success. *Pastor Jimmy*

COME SUPPORT

 at this fun event!

SATURDAY
11 MAY
5:00 PM

ENTRY
\$10

THREE
COURSE
HOR
D'OEUVRES



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN BENEFITTING SIX LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS














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 UTICA, MICHIGAN
 45160 Van Dyke Ave

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:
www.trinityutica.com/feud

CORNHOLE Tournament

All Skill Levels welcome in the Cornhole Tournament. Food & beverages will be provided for everyone who comes to the fellowship event, plus cards and board games for those not competing. A \$5.00 wristband will be available for those wishing to drink beer and wine.

There will be a \$10 Cornhole Tournament entry fee for those wishing to compete. Payment on site. First and second prizes will be awarded at the end of the night to the top two players. No need to come with a partner, partners for each round of the tournament play will be done by random draws.



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Who are we: The Lutheran Fraternities of America #57 is a fraternal organization that is interested in you, your family, your Christian faith, and your Lutheran Church. We are a Lutheran Society seeking Christian men, woman and families who would like to gather for fun and fellowship and have been in existence for over 100 years. We hope that you will join us so that you can get to know us as we enjoy Christian fellowship and fun family activities together.

Please call us to sign up the number of people attending and competing, so we know about how many people to prepare for. Phone or Text: (586) 354-8949; LFA #57 16140 Aurora Ave, Eastpointe, MI 48021 (Located east of Gratiot between 9 Mile and Stephens)

2024 CONFIRMANDS - MAY 4, 2024



NATALIE APPEL

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Psalm 139:14

Natalie attends Derby Middle School where she enjoys her art classes and participates on the track team. She is also on the ski team with Pinnacle Racing! In her spare time, Natalie enjoys reading, drawing, painting, and watching TV. Her favorite vacation spot is NYC because there is always so much to do and biking through Central Park is so much fun! Natalie admires her parents most in life because they are great role models. In the future, Natalie hopes to attend college and be an interior designer. Natalie's favorite part of Confirmation was hanging out with friends during snack time!



NORAH BAKER

It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver. Proverbs 16:16

Norah goes to school at Southfield Christian School where she is president of the National Junior Honors Society! Norah plays soccer (she was MVP on her team!), volleyball, and basketball, plus enjoys skateboarding in her free time! She also loves to hang out with her friends and family, especially when traveling. Her favorite vacation was a trip to Las Vegas and Zion National Park where she hiked with her family and friends. Norah admires Jesus the most in life because He is so amazing! She hopes to attend college in the future. Norah's favorite part of Confirmation was playing "Aliens in the Church" on the last day of 7th grade!



HANNAH BIENKOWSKI

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

Hannah attends Derby Middle School where she enjoys ELA class the most. She plays basketball and likes to read and draw in her spare time. Hannah's favorite vacation was a trip to Florida where she rode the Slingshot! She admires her mom the most in life. In the future, Hannah hopes to help others by becoming a family therapist!

NOT PICTURED:

DYLAN RECK

God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. Genesis 1:31

Dylan is a freshman at Seaholm high school. He plays soccer and races on the ski team! In the summer, Dylan enjoys going up north with his family!

NOAH ECKERT

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16



Noah goes to school at South Hills Middle School in Bloomfield Hills where his favorite classes are Math and ELA. Noah enjoys hanging out with friends and playing sports, specifically, cross country, baseball, football, and basketball. In his spare time, Noah also enjoys drawing. Noah's favorite vacation was a trip to Arizona where he and his brother were able to skateboard! In the future, Noah hopes to attend MSU. Noah's favorite thing about Confirmation were the games and quizzes during class – like BINGO and Jeopardy!



LIAM FARRUGIA

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

Liam attends Berkshire Middle School where he enjoys health and PE classes because he loves sports! Liam plays baseball, football, cross country (where he scored the best time for the 2-mile run!), and basketball! He also enjoys other outside activities like fishing. Liam's favorite vacation was a trip to New York City where he visited Central Park. Liam admires his parents the most in life and loves to hangout with them! After high school, Liam hopes to attend college and play college sports! Liam's favorite part of Confirmation was making new friends, learning about God, the Chick-fil-A Party, and open gym.



ELLE GARDNER

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1

Elle goes to school at North Hills Middle School in Bloomfield Hills where she enjoys her ELA classes. Elle dances on the teen team for Juliart Dance Studio. In the summer, Elle plays tennis for Bloomfield Hills Swim & Tennis. In her spare time, Elle likes to read, play board games, and bake. She also enjoys hanging out with her family, friends, and her dog! Elle's favorite vacation was a trip to Arizona where she visited a friend and saw the Grand Canyon! Elle admires her mom most in life because she is kind, caring, never gives up, and always helps Elle! In the future, Elle hopes to attend MSU and become a neurology physician assistant. Elle's favorite thing about Confirmation was seeing her friends (and making new ones!) and having fun with them during Open Gym Nights!



BROOKE HUGEL

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

Brooke attends Berkshire Middle School where she enjoys History class and plays in the Honors Orchestra. She also runs track and plays tennis! The things that make Brooke happiest in life are church, Redeemer Summer Kamp, and her friends! In her free time, Brooke enjoys playing the cello, running, getting coffee, and shopping. Brooke's favorite vacation was a Disney Cruise where she participated in a scuba dive excursion! Brooke admires her grandma most in life because she is the kindest and most giving person she knows! After high school, Brooke hopes to attend Hope College, purchase a Black Jeep Wrangler, and become an anesthesiologist! Some of Brooke's favorite things about Confirmation were attending the retreats, playing "Aliens in the Church", and small group time. Brooke's closest friends are from Confirmation!



MACK LEWIS

The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still. Exodus 14:14

Mack goes to school at U of D where his favorite subject is Math, he's in the Ping Pong Club, and plays on the soccer team! He also plays lots of basketball! In his free time, Mack enjoys playing outside and spending time with his family. Mack's favorite vacation was a trip to Florida where he visited Universal Studios! In the future, Mack hopes to become a sports announcer or sports agent. Mack's favorite part of Confirmation was attending the retreats!





PEYTON LEWIS

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Peyton attends Our Shepherd Lutheran School in Birmingham, where his favorite classes are Biology and Math. He is also in the chess club, serves on the Student Council, and is goalie for the school soccer team! Peyton also plays basketball and baseball. In his spare time, Peyton likes to read, play games, play video games, listen to music, go outside, and spend time with friends and family. Peyton admires Derek Jeter because he is humble, a good leader, and prioritizes his faith in God. Peyton plans to go to Lutheran Northwest for high school and then hopes to attend college. Peyton’s favorite part of Confirmation was attending JAMS! He also loves Redeemer Summer Kamp!



SOFIA MAEDER

The Lord says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.” Psalm 32:8

Sofia goes to school at St. Matthew’s Lutheran School in Walled Lake where she enjoys U.S. History and English classes. She plays volleyball, softball, and swims! In her free time, Sofia likes to hang out with friends, watch TV, and bake! Sofia’s favorite vacation was Redeemer’s Oberammergau trip where she visited lots of places in Germany and Austria! Sofia admires her mom the most in life because she encourages Sofia to experience and get involved in different things. In the future, Sofia hopes to become a surgeon or PA. Her favorite part of Confirmation was getting to know the other kids in her class, especially during small group time.



THEO MIESEL

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Matthew 6:34

Theo attends Derby Middle School where his favorite class is “Skills for Success”. He plays football for the Berkley Steelers as middle linebacker and wide receiver! In his free time, Theo enjoys hanging out with his family and friends and playing video games. Theo’s favorite vacation was a trip to California where he visited Disneyland and Universal Studios Hollywood. Theo admires his mom and dad the most in life. His dad makes Theo laugh and takes care of him. His mom is always there for him and takes care of him too. After high school, Theo hopes to attend U of M! Theo’s favorite thing about Confirmation was throwing a pie in Miss Laura’s face!



KATE MILLICHAMP

Though you have not seen Christ you love Him and even though you do not see Him now you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy for you are receiving the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter 8-9



Kate goes to school at Berkshire Middle School where she enjoys Science class and is on the volleyball team! She is also in Show Choir and the play! Kate’s favorite things in life are hanging out with friends and family and attending Redeemer Summer Kamp! In her free time, Kate enjoys baking, reading, and listening to music. Kate’s favorite vacation is going to Canada to spend time with family and eat yummy food! Kate admires her sister, Hannah, the most in life because she is smart, kind, always does her best, and cares about everyone around her. Kate loved Confirmation, especially time in class, performing skits in church, great connections with others, and all of the fun activities! She also enjoyed the retreats, Summer JAMS, and Redeemer Summer Kamp!



MICHAEL O'DONNELL

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weakness so that Christ's power may rest on me. 2 Corinthians 12:9

Michael attends Derby Middle School where he enjoys Math class. He participates in many sports including skiing, track, cross country, tennis, and golf! Michael's favorite vacation was a trip to Maui, Hawaii where he especially enjoyed the food! Michael admires his parents the most in life (and he loves his dog!). In the future, Michael hopes to attend college! Michael's favorite part of Confirmation was playing basketball during snack time with his friends!



NOELLE SCHNEIDER

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7

Noelle attends Derby Middle School where she enjoys Math, ELA, and Band classes. Noelle plays the flute in the jazz band, swims, and plays softball! She also loves long distance running and sprinting! In her spare time, Noelle likes to spend time with her family (especially on vacations!), swim, ski, listen to music, and read. Noelle admires her sister, Allison, the most in life because she handles things beautifully and is smart! In the future, Noelle hopes to attend MSU and maybe pursue engineering as a career. Noelle's favorite things about Confirmation were the 5 'n' 5 Party and small group time with friends!



TREVOR SCHULTZ

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Trevor goes to U of D where he enjoys Math class. He plays lacrosse, football, basketball, and golf! He also enjoys playing chess! Trevor's favorite vacation was a trip to Mexico where he went to the beach, swam out to a sand bar, and ate great food! Trevor hopes to attend U of M for college and then go on to the NFL. Trevor's favorite things about Confirmation were JAMS, the retreats, meeting new friends, and growing closer to God!



BRADY SEGRAVES

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. Revelation 21:4

Brady attends St. Michael Lutheran School in Wayne where he enjoys his Gym and Math classes and runs on the track team! He is also involved with Boy Scouts. In his free time, Brady enjoys playing video games and spending time with family (and his dog!). Brady's favorite vacation was a trip to Myrtle Beach where he had a blast at the water park! Brady admires Mrs. Olvera (an elementary school teacher) the most in life because she always helped him when needed and always greeted him with a hug! After high school, Brady hopes to attend college. His favorite part of Confirmation was playing games during small group time!



PAUL WIEGAND

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Paul attends Derby Middle School where he enjoys Math class. He plays football and basketball. In his spare time, Paul likes to hang out with his dog and play sports with his friends! Paul's favorite vacation was a trip to Cedar Point where he rode the Millennium Force! Paul admires his dad the most in life because he is smart. After high school, Paul hopes to attend college. Paul's favorite thing about Confirmation was playing basketball during snack time!



MISSIONS

Camp Restore

Restoring Faith, Home and Community

Come join us as we continue work on the Redeemer House! Plenty of opportunities to help in this great mission!



VOLUNTEER DAY

Saturday May 18TH
8:30am-3:00pm

Contact Jon Duff to sign up or for more details:
(248) 214 - 9037
duffjon53@gmail.com



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&
The Mandate

www.themandate.com

Through the generous contributions of our members and guests, at our Spring Event on April 26, we were able to grant \$7,145 in loans and grants to a total of 15 women. This brings our chapter total to an outstanding \$80,377, impacting the lives of 231 women. Your generosity is creating a ripple of positive change. Jennifer Cummings, Managing Director at The Mandate and Executive Director at Surfari Pals Inc. as our keynote speaker, shared stories of the people of Uganda and all that the Mandate is doing to pour into the people through their 5 focus areas of impact. Head to our website to read the full recap of this incredible evening.



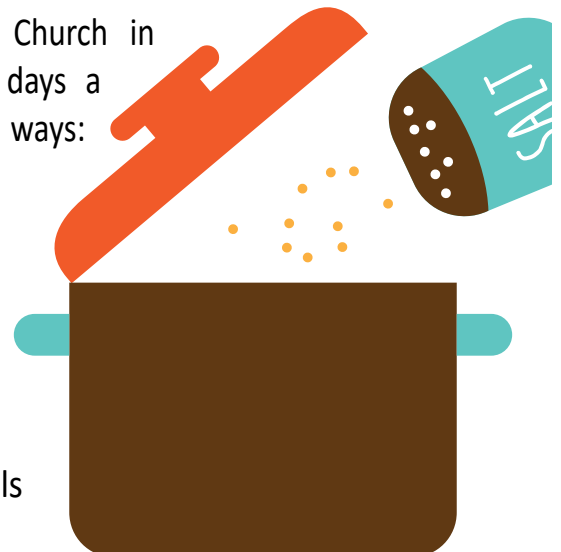
Jennifer Cummings
Managing Director
The Mandate
Executive Director
Surfari Pals Inc

<https://www.lcr.church/izosh/>

Feed the Homeless!

Redeemer partners with Family of God (FOG), a Lutheran Church in southwest Detroit, that provides meals to those in need 6 days a week! YOU can help with these meals in MANY different ways:

- 🍲 meal plan
- 🍲 shop
- 🍲 prepare a hot meal
- 🍲 deliver/serve a meal
- 🍲 prepare frozen meals
- 🍲 make bagged lunches
- 🍲 donate funds to be used to purchase supplies for the meals



Signup to help online or on the Town Square bulletin board. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org).

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as much as you need to exercise good stewardship with your life, resources, time and income. This is an especially fragile gift because it's easy to ruin a relationship with slander and talking behind someone's back.

But speaking well of your neighbor in Christian love is absolutely free; it costs you nothing, yet it pays you great dividends. If you find this challenging at times, if you are tempted to speak ill of others, just remember that this other person is also a beloved child of God for whom your Lord Jesus suffered and died. Your Lord Jesus loves you both.

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The king would escape but was done in by another woman, Jael, who drove a tent stake through his head and killed him.

Deborah is the only woman mentioned in the Bible who both ruled Israel and gave military orders to a man! We are not told any name of her children, if she had any. But in Judges 5:7 she refers to herself as "a mother in Israel".

We believe that she says this of herself for she became the nation's caretaker or as the New English Translation puts it, "a mother protector in Israel."

Other translations:

"The mighty men in Israel failed, they failed until Debbora arose, until she arose a mother in Israel" (LXX).

"The villages in Israel were no more, they were no more until you arose, O Deborah, until you arose, mother of Israel!" (NJB).

"There were few people left in the villages of Israel — until Deborah arose as a mother for Israel" (NLT).

"Deliverance ceased, Ceased in Israel, Till you arose, O Deborah, Arose, O mother, in Israel!" (TNK).

Deborah is the mother of Israel

Happy Mother's Day

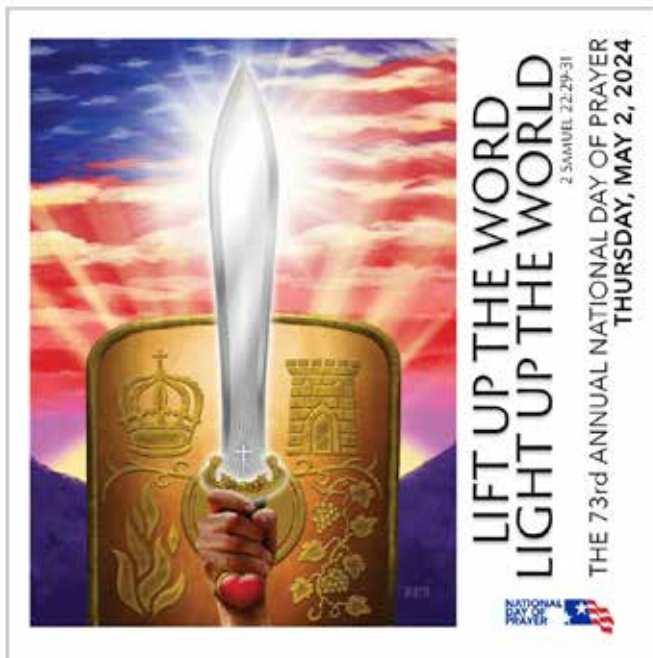
to the heroes that give so much to the world.



LIFT UP THE WORD - LIGHT UP THE WORLD

For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God — his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him.

2 Samuel 22:29-31



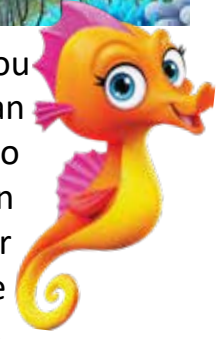
Thursday, May 2nd at 11:00am in Redeemer's Chapel
The First Thursday of May - The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. Our Task Force is a privately funded organization whose purpose is to encourage participation on the National Day of Prayer. It exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, to create appropriate materials, and to mobilize the Christian community to intercede for America's leaders and its families. The Task Force represents a Judeo-Christian expression of the national observance, based on our understanding that this country was birthed in prayer and in reverence for the God of the Bible.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



The VBS team is working hard to prepare for this year's amazing week. When you swim or scuba dive you should always have a buddy. We will learn how God can be our perfect buddy through all of our lives. So join us for "SCUBA - diving into friendship with God" which is our theme this year! You will find the registration link on Redeemer's website. Check the weekly announcements for any other requests we might have. We can't wait to go on this new adventure with you June 17-21! Blessings from the 2024 team: Victoria Ilitch, Courtney VanderWerp, Andrea Calvaneso, Heather Calvaneso and Nicole Olds.



BE A VOLUNTEER!

Who doesn't LOVE VBS!?!?! We are looking for people of all ages to help with this incredible week of fun. We will need help in ALL areas including:

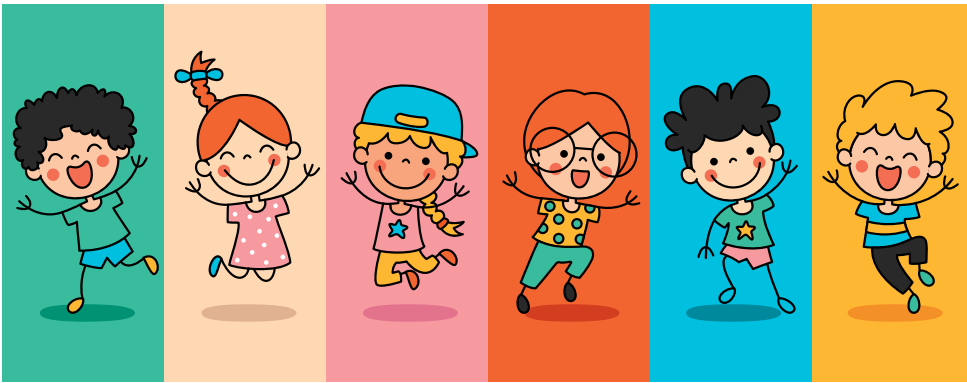


- Teachers
- Classroom helpers
- People in the craft area
- Kitchen sous-chefs
- Drama lovers
- Teen helpers
- Music efficianados
-and many other areas.

Please consider volunteering. See the sign-up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080845A8AE2CA13-47929550-vbsadult#> or on the Children's Ministry page on our website for the craft area and kitchen. If you are interested in teaching, please reach out to Nicole Olds (nolds@redeemerbirmingham.org)

Summer Sunday School Teachers

Summer Sunday School will start June 23rd. We meet every Sunday during the summer only during the 10:30 am service. We have a lesson and then head to the playground for fellowship and popsicles. The teachers who teach during the school year take a break during the summer so I am looking for people to step up and teach. It can be one week or more, whatever works into your schedule. I am happy to walk you through the lesson which I provide. Contact Nicole Olds to sign up or if you have questions.



CALLING ALL BAKERS! VBS Need YOU!



Calling all bakers! VBS provides a snack for the children attending but the teens and adults that volunteer their time love a little something too. Please consider providing a snack (bagels, baked goods, chips/pretzels, fruit/veggies, etc) for our hard workers. Contact Nicole Olds or see our Sign Up Genius (on the church website) to volunteer. Thanks for all your help! Sign up here to help, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080845A8AE2CA13-47929553-vbsvolunteer#> or on the Children's Ministry page.

JUNE EVENTS

June 2

Young Adult Lunch

June 6

Young Adult Bible Study

June 9

Faithful Friends
Enrichment Event

June 12

Leadership Team Meeting

June 16

Celebrate Dads and Grads
Happy Father's Day

June 17-21

Vacation Bible School

June 21

JAMs Schools Out Lock-In

June 22

Home Plate Event

June 23

Congregational Meeting

June 25

Women's Book Group



LIBRARY LIGHTS

New in bookstores and the Redeemer library,
and already a best-seller:

The Women: A Novel by Kristin Hannah. The first battle: VietNam, 1965. Frances “Frankie” McGrath leaves her sheltered upbringing to enlist in the Army Nurse Corps, defying her wealthy parents and the expectations they have for her. Arriving in VietNam, naïve Frankie is thrust into the chaotic world of an evac hospital on the front lines of the war. Inexperienced and overwhelmed by exhaustion, destruction, incoming shells, injuries, and death that she sees, she learns quickly and becomes an excellent trauma nurse. Along the way she develops the trust & close camaraderie of medical personnel and especially her tent-mates who will remain lifelong friends. The second battle: USA, 1968. Frankie returns home to a country that is divided and in turmoil over the war, with angry protestors, and even her family who is embarrassed by her service. This novel shines a light on all of the women who have served, often to be dismissed and forgotten. Yes, women can be heroes, too.



Fiction; 472 pages.
Find it on the spinning
rack in the library!

Home Plate 2024! Saturday, June 22nd

Home Plate 2024 with the Detroit Tigers! Families of all ages, shapes, and sizes are welcome to join us at Comerica Park to experience Home Plate 2024! We'll get to attend a pre-game program where current and former Detroit Tigers players will share about their careers in professional sports and their faith in Jesus Christ! Then, we'll stay for other fun activities and the game – Detroit Tigers vs. Chicago White Sox! It all happens on **Saturday, June 22nd!** The pre-game program begins at 9:30am and the game begins at 1:10pm. Tickets are \$30 each (Upper Grandstand seats) and are **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!** You can sign up **AND** pay online via the church website – so get your tickets **TODAY!** Contact Gary Priskorn (gpriskorn@redeemberirmingham.org) or Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org) with any questions or for more information.

EASTER FLOWER UPDATE:

Thank you to everyone for ordering the beautiful flowers that decorated our Sanctuary for Easter! A special thanks to Andrea Schlak and Tim & Lynn Duerr for the work they did to arrange all the flowers and decorations. It looked beautiful! We ordered 86 Easter flowers, you donated 32 of them! We had 14 volunteers go out after church and deliver flowers to our Redeemer shut-ins and Faithful Friends. Thank you to all our volunteers and to you all for your donations! We also want to extend a sincere thank you to all of the musicians for their commitment to making all of our Lenten worship, Holy Week, and Easter services so beautiful. We hope you had a blessed Easter!



Redeemer Young Adults

LASER TAG

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 6PM

MI COMBAT

29380 JOHN R RD

MADISON HEIGHTS, MI 48071

\$20 PER PERSON

spots limited

text Michael Banerian to RSVP

248.925.7125

RYG = REDEEMER YOUTH GROUP



"redeemer_y00th"

ALWAYS
CHECK INSTAGRAM
FOR ANY
SCHEDULE CHANGES



FAMILY OF GOD - feeding the poor

RYG cooks and serves on the 2nd
Monday of the Month

May 13
June 10

Come join us to help others

RYG MAY Calendar *Sunday's from 7-9pm*

STUDY
THE BIBLE

May 5
May 19
May 26



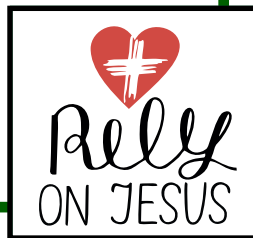
*No RYG on May 12
spend it with your
mother 😊*

Attend CORE Group

RYG meets - 6:00-8:00pm
in the Youth Room

MAY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Questions?
Contact Gia or
Eric.



KAMP 2024: JULY 28-AUGUST 3

**Campers will ARRIVE on SUNDAY JULY 28
and LEAVE Kamp on SATURDAY AUGUST 3!**

Redeemer Summer Kamp is a week long sleep away camp for kids entering 3rd – 9th grade. We rent a beautiful camp facility in western Michigan each year where Campers spend a week in a rustic outdoors setting enjoying typical camping activities such as crafts, boating, fishing, hayrides, games, campfires, etc. Our program is combined with Bible study, worship and singing which all takes place in a safe Christian environment. Go to our website to read more about our Kamp mission, camp facilities and staff.

APRIL 1, 2024: Registration is open to everyone!

If you have any questions about Kamp please review our Registration Page and Kamp FAQs at www.redeemberirmingham.org. If you still have questions contact us at redemerkamp@gmail.com.

Did You Know?



Westmaple needs to have certified playground mulch due to licensing requirements? We order 115 yards each year which costs \$4,500 for delivery and labor.

PASTORAL ACTS

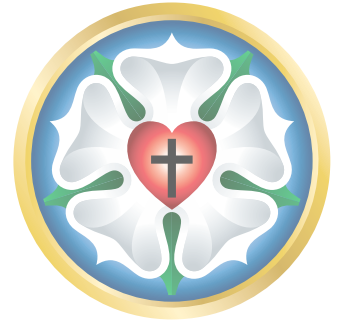
Funerals

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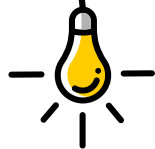
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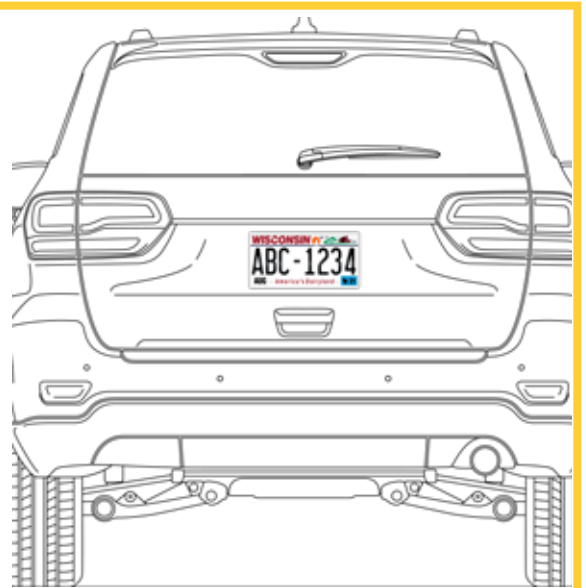
Grace Holland



Did You Know?



Have you ever noticed that pole by the West entrance driveway? If you were wondering what that is....it is a license plate reader. Any vehicle moving westbound on Maple has their license plate read so the owner of the car can be identified. The reader is owned by the City of Birmingham along with several others that are placed around the city. When driving around Birmingham, don't worry about smiling for the camera though, it only reads license plates. But you should feel a sense of security that Birmingham has a way to detect unlawful vehicles /drivers right in our front yard.



Wednesday Lunch & Worship – May 15

All are invited to join us for our 3rd Wednesday of the month "Lunch & Worship" on **May 15th** beginning at 12 noon in the Great Room. A delicious meal prepared by Michele Margosian will be followed by a brief worship service at 1pm with Holy Communion in the Chapel. Please call the church office (248-644-4010) by May 13th if you plan to join us for lunch. Also, if you are in need of transportation, let the office know and we'll do our best to assist. Questions? Contact Gary Priskorn at the number above.

WEDNESDAY



LUNCH & WORSHIP



This month we'll take a look back at the Children's Ministry of Redeemer

"Recognizing the need for a stronger religious foundation for our children, Redeemer congregation will initiate a new phase of its program on September 17, 1963. This is a School of Religion (SOR) for children of school grades 3-8."

Every Tuesday night, you would find Redeemer packed with children and adults. School of Religion ran from 5 – 8 pm, and included Chapel, dinner, religious instruction and confirmation, choirs, and art.

Over 200 women from the different guilds cooked and served the dinners – sloppy joes, spaghetti, hot dogs, and more. According to news articles, this was a brand-new concept in the LCMS, and the files contain many letters from churches around the country asking for information. A letter to the congregation from Pastor Duane explains the curriculum and objectives. He notes: "I have never seen a congregation, as a whole, respond so enthusiastically to a single program of the church as they have to this one. We have been practically knocked off our feet by the tremendous enrollment this first year. This is the best thing that ever hit this place!" The total enrollment for the first year was 237 students, taught by 12 teachers in 12 classrooms. In 1983, the total staff was 34! SOR ran two choirs – The Chorister Choir (grades 1-3) Directed by Sue Sack, and the Crusader Choir (grades 4-8) Directed by Gene Guettler, Lee Barton, and Mike Dundas.

SOR was discontinued in 1995, due to low enrollment.



TEASER AND TRIVIA FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We can think of at least 4 current members whose moms taught Sunday School in the 1950's. They all went on to take Mrs. Reilly's teacher training when they were teens and went on to teach Sunday School themselves! We will let you know who they are next month – and look for photos of them in May of 2025!



MAY Lamp

LAST MONTH'S TEASER AND TRIVIA ANSWER

Last month, our trivia question was about people that were part of the youth group and went on to become well-known. Here are the answers!

★ Academy Award winning director and actress: Christine Lahti. She was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for the 1984 film *Swing Shift*. She won an Academy Award for Best Live Action Short Film when she directed *Lieberman in Love*.

★ A jazz musician: Scott Wilkie. Scott and his band *Separate Checks* in 1985 and gained a name for themselves across the Midwest. He was named Best developing Jazz Artist by the National Association of Recording Merchants in 1999. Scott has released a number of albums. His most notable songs include *Skyline* (guess what that song is about?!) and *Song for Shari* (written for Shari Meisel).

★ An NBA player: Shane Battier. Shane played for Detroit Country Day, Duke, and was a first round draft pick. He played for the Memphis Grizzlies, the Houston Rockets, and is a 2-time NBA Champion with the Miami Heat.

★ A Detroit Newscaster: Joe Weaver. Joe was a news reporter and anchor on WJBL-TV Detroit. Joe was instrumental in the live filming of our Thanksgiving services on Channel 2 back in the 70's!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

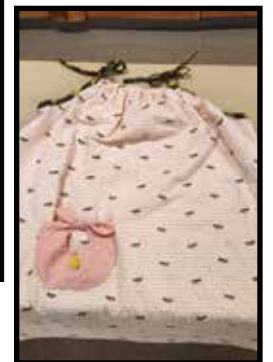


CHICKS WITH STICKS

Chicks with Sticks will meet on **Thursday, May 2 and 16 at 1:00pm in the library.** We are making all kinds of things for the homeless and those who live just making ends meet.....hats, mittens, and other cozy things....and yes, we will continue to knit for the next winter when people will need the warmth of a gift and a message of hope. Come anytime and sit in. If you don't knit you can help sort or bring a project to work on and enjoy the fellowship. We also crochet and love to share our enthusiasm! Meetings are typically the first and third Thursday of the month, with some variation at times. Please check the schedule or call the church office.

Little Dresses and Little Britches

Thanks to everyone who helped cut, iron, sew all those sweet little dresses and little britches for girls and boys all over the world. The little britches project has an additional component with a donation from Thrivent Financial which enables us to buy matching t-shirts for those little boys. How great to know children who have little in the way of physical goods will soon be treated to a brand new outfit made by people who care. Special thanks to the formidable four who helped pull the workshop and Saturday sewing day together; Laurie Krentz, Kathy Eley, Talitha Farah, Karen Rose!



And here are those who came on Saturday to help iron and sew! Thanks to you, we are ahead of the game with a brand new batch of dresses. Good News: pick up a kit to make a little dress in the Trinity Room located downstairs in the 2 drawer cabinet.

22 Return any time this summer - last drop-off August 1.

MAY Lamp

Women's Bible Study

We are enjoying a DVD study with Melanie Shankle entitled "The Church of the Small Things." This study is humorous and honest and Melanie offers an opportunity to embrace what it means to live an abundant and meaningful life by finding beauty and laughter in all the small things right beneath the surface of everyday. We would love your company! Questions? Contact misskitty@redeemberirmingham.org!



Kitchen update!

Thanks for helping take care of Redeemer's kitchen by cleaning up after your event or personal use.. It would be deeply appreciated if those using the kitchen would try to put things back where they belong. It helps the next group by making those things readily found. Also, please do not leave dishes/pots and pans in the sinks....take a minute to put them through the dishwasher. Try to leave the kitchen better than you found it. We are so blessed to have a brand new freezer. The freezer doors are equipped with an alarm system alerting the user to an open door. Please make sure all of our appliance doors are tightly closed to prevent thawing, food spoilage and wasting electricity. Thanks for caring.

Kitchen Tip: *If you are cooking please check the pantry for staples like oil, sugar, flour, spices. We have an abundance of these things and you won't have to purchase them. Take a look next time you are in the kitchen and see how you can save yourself some money and a trip to the store.*

Women's Book Group

Women's Book Group will meet **Tuesday, May 28** to review and discuss Patti Henry's book ***The Secret Book of Flora Lea***. In the war-torn London of 1939, fourteen-year-old Hazel and five-year-old Flora are evacuated to a rural village to escape the horrors of the Second World War. Living with the kind Bridie Aberdeen and her teenage son, Harry, in a charming stone cottage along the River Thames, Hazel fills their days with walks and games to distract her young sister, including one that she creates for her sister and her sister alone—a fairy tale about a magical land, a secret place they can escape to that is all their own. But the unthinkable happens when young Flora suddenly vanishes while playing near the banks of the river. Shattered, Hazel blames herself for her sister's disappearance, and she carries that guilt into adulthood as a private burden she feels she deserves. Won't you join us for an evening of thoughtful conversation and unique ways of looking at things.....all that and the pleasure of your company.....7:30 p.m. in the Town Square.

The Giving Tree!

The Giving Tree is up and more tags are added so all can participate. Pick a heart off the tree, buy those goods at any Dollar Store, bring them in and put them in the bin by the tree and they will be loaded into new backpacks and delivered to women in Detroit who are ministered to by the Detroit Street Mission. Notes of encouragement and love will be included in each backpack. Thank you for your generosity and care. Nice to know somebody really does! Blessings!



MUSIC MINISTRY

SPECIAL MUSIC NEEDED FOR SUMMER SERVICES

Whether you sing or play an instrument, if you would be willing to use your vocal or instrumental talent to provide special music for the 9:00am service on a Sunday in the summer, please let Steve SeGraves know. (ssegraves@redeemberirmingham.org) Summer Music will be needed beginning on **Sunday, June 4th, and all the way through Labor Day weekend.** We invite you to help provide this important ministry at Redeemer.

Mother's Day Men's Choir



If you are a man at Redeemer and you can sing, please plan to join in with several other men in our annual Mother's Day Men's Choir, as we honor our wives and mothers, and all mothers when we sing together on

Sunday, May 12th. We will all

prepare one song (Praise God in All His Glory) for the 9am and 10:30am services that day. Music is available in the choir room. Rehearsals will be from 7:30pm – 8pm every Wednesday night. We will also have one extra rehearsal on Sunday, May 5th after the 10:30am service in the choir room. Rehearsal tracks will be made available. No experience necessary...just the ability to carry a tune, and a desire to pay tribute to our wonderful mothers.

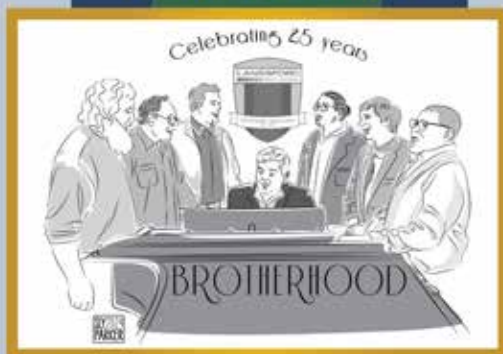
Langsford Men's Chorus

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Brotherhood

A Spring Celebration of Song

Plus Member "Small Acts"



Friday, May 17 - 8 pm

Zion Lutheran Church
143 Albany Street
Ferndale, MI

Sunday, May 19 - 4 pm

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 West Maple
Birmingham, MI

Phone: (248) 592 - 7455

Tickets: \$18 at the door, \$15 in advance at
www.langsfordmenschorus.org



Lutheran Choralaires

Spring Concert in support of Concordia University Ann Arbor. The Lutheran Choralaires, a men's chorus under the direction of noted Detroit area composer and arranger Terry Herald, will present

their annual Spring Concert entitled "What Wondrous Love is This" on **Saturday, May 18th, 4:00pm at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church** (14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154). Tickets are not necessary, however there will be a freewill offering. All proceeds will go to support the Concordia University Ann Arbor Music Department and Students In Need funds. For further information email info@lutheranchoralaires.org, or visit www.lutheranchoralaires.org.





Bible Reading Plan

1

Judges 13:1-14:20
John 1:29-51
Psalm 102:1-28
Proverbs 14:15-16

2

Judges 15:1-16:31
John 2:1-25
Psalm 103:1-22
Proverbs 14:17-19

3

Judges 17:1-18:31
John 3:1-21
Psalm 104:1-23
Proverbs 14:20-21

4

Judges 19:1-20:48
John 3:22-4:3
Psalm 104:24-35
Proverbs 14:22-23

5

Judges 21:1-Ruth 1:22
John 4:4-42
Psalm 105:1-15
Proverbs 14:25

6

Ruth 2:1-4:22
John 4:43-54
Psalm 105:16-36
Proverbs 14:26-27

7

1 Samuel 1:1-2:21
John 5:1-23
Psalm 105:37-45
Proverbs 14:28-29

8

1 Samuel 2:22-4:22
John 5:24-47
Psalm 106:1-12
Proverbs 14:30-31

9

1 Samuel 5:1-7:17
John 6:1-21
Psalm 106:13-31
Proverbs 14:32-33

10

1 Samuel 8:1-9:27
John 6:22-42
Psalm 106:32-48
Proverbs 14:34-35

11

1 Samuel 10:1-11:15
John 6:43-71
Psalm 107:1-43
Proverbs 15:1-3

12

1 Samuel 12:1-13:23
John 7:1-30
Psalm 108:1-13
Proverbs 15:4

13

1 Samuel 14:1-52
John 7:31-53
Psalm 109:1-31
Proverbs 15:5-7

14

1 Samuel 15:1-16:23
John 8:1-20
Psalm 110:1-7
Proverbs 15:8-10

15

1 Samuel 17:1-18:4
John 8:21-30
Psalm 111:1-10
Proverbs 15:11

16

1 Samuel 18:5-19:24
John 8:31-59
Psalm 112:1-10
Proverbs 15:12-14

17

1 Samuel 20:1-21:15
John 9:1-41
Psalm 113:1-114:8
Proverbs 15:15-17

18

1 Samuel 22:1-23:29
John 10:1-21
Psalm 115:1-18
Proverbs 15:18-19

19

1 Samuel 24:1-25:44
John 10:22-42
Psalm 116:1-19
Proverbs 15:20-21

20

1 Samuel 26:1-28:25
John 11:1-54
Psalm 117:1-2
Proverbs 15:22-23

21

1 Samuel 29:1-31:13
John 11:55-12:19
Psalm 118:1-18
Proverbs 15:24-26

22

2 Samuel 1:1-2:11
John 12:20-50
Psalm 118:19-29
Proverbs 15:27-28

23

2 Samuel 2:12-3:39
John 13:1-30
Psalm 119:1-16
Proverbs 15:29-30

24

2 Samuel 4:1-6:23
John 13:31-14:14
Psalm 119:17-32
Proverbs 15:31-32

25

2 Samuel 7:1-8:18
John 14:15-31
Psalm 119:33-48
Proverbs 15:33

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2 Samuel 9:1-11:27
John 15:1-27
Psalm 119:49-64
Proverbs 16:1-3

27

2 Samuel 12:1-31
John 16:1-33
Psalm 119:65-80
Proverbs 16:4-5

28

2 Samuel 13:1-39
John 17:1-26
Psalm 119:81-96
Proverbs 16:6-7

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2 Samuel 14:1-15:22
John 18:1-24
Psalm 119:97-112
Proverbs 16:8-9

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2 Samuel 15:23-16:23
John 18:25-19:22
Psalm 119:113-128
Proverbs 16:10-11

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2 Samuel 17:1-29
John 19:23-42
Psalm 119:129-152
Proverbs 16:12-13

MAY EVENTS

May 2

National Day of Prayer
Chicks with Sticks
Young Adult Bible Study

May 3

Confirmation Rehearsal

May 4

Confirmation Day

May 5

Young Adult Lunch

May 8

Leadership Team Meeting

May 12

Mother's Day

May 15

Wednesday Lunch & Worship
Men's Bocce Tournament
Women's Bee Lady

May 16

Chick's with Sticks

May 18

Camp Restore Volunteer Day

May 19

Music Appreciation Sunday

May 23

Westmaple Graduation

May 27

Memorial Day
No Worship
Building and Office Closed

May 28

Women's Book Group

SENIOR MINISTRY



June Enrichment Event Sponsored by Faithful Friends

You, the congregation and friends are invited to an Enrichment Talk on Elder Law – ***“What Seniors should know when looking into Assisted Living”***. This will take place on **June 9th in the Great Room immediately following the 10:30 am service** and should last an hour. Our speaker will be Erin Mortenson, Redeemer member and her partner Ashley Dickey, attorneys specializing in Elder law, Medicaid & Long-Term Care Planning & Estate Planning. Erin and Ashley will speak on Long Term Care Planning: **“How to Preserve Your Assets for Future Care”**. They will help us to understand the costs associated with elder care (at all levels), and what you can do now to ensure you and your loved ones are set up for the future.

The event is sponsored by Redeemer's Faithful Friends Ministry – a unique ministry dedicated to reaching out to our special Senior members who are homebound or reside in an assisted living complex and to offer support and guidance to caregivers. If you are interested in becoming a Faithful Friend for one of Redeemer's seniors let one of the committee members know. We would love to have you!

Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. Isaiah 46:4

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MEN'S MINISTRY

FRED HOLLIS MEMORIAL BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Guys of all ages are cordially invited to join us for our 14th annual Bocce Ball Tournament, now lovingly referred to as "The Fred Hollis Memorial Bocce Ball Tournament". It will again be held at the Hollis' home, 1212 Winchcombe Dr., Bl. Hills. A light supper will be served from 6:00-6:30 p.m. and then bocce ball will begin around 6:45 p.m. We're adding a new "wrinkle" this year with a Bean Bag Toss 'court' set up for informal competition for those interested between your Bocce Ball "appearances"! There is no charge for the evening - a freewill donation will be received. *Sign up by May 12th on the Town Square bulletin board or call/email Gary Priskorn (248-644-4010/gpriskorn@redeemberirmingham.org).* Thanks to the Hollis ladies for hosting this wonderful fellowship event!



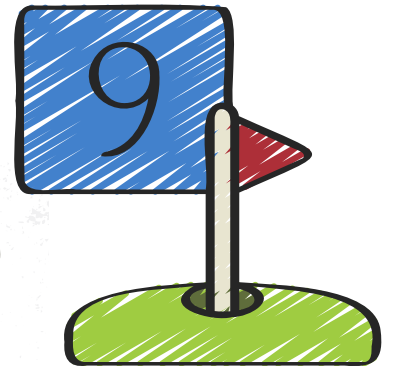
Two Opportunities To Mark Your Calendar

(details to follow)

Men's Golf and Barbecue

Wednesday, August 14

9-hole scramble –
3:00 p.m. at Lincoln
Hills



BBQ – 6:00 p.m. at
Beverly Park Pavilion

A Day at the Hollis' Cottage

Thursday, August 15
2:00-6:00 p.m.

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Men's Bible Study

Men of all ages are invited to join us on Wednesday, morning, 6:45-7:30 a.m. in the Great Room or via Zoom, as we begin the study of the book of Acts. The emphasis of this important book is literally the fulfillment of the Great Commission, describing the founding of the Christian Church and the spread of its message to the Roman Empire. You are invited to join us each Wednesday morning for fellowship and spiritual growth – and some coffee cake, juice and coffee! Contact Gary Priskorn for further information – 248-644-4010 ext.123.

Counseling Corner

I'm hearing a lot about political discord in families right now, as it seems to be at an all time high. Massive and I mean MASSIVE fights are happening at holiday gatherings and family get togethers. Be aware that the evil one is working overtime to accomplish familial divisions especially within Christian families throughout the political scene. Both sides are guilty, it's not just one political party, per se.

The GREAT news is that God is still in control of the world and all that happens within it. I have found the following Scriptures to be most comforting:

Rev 17:14-19 "King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ is "the ruler of kings on earth." That is to say Lord of lords and presidents and chiefs and governors and prime ministers here on earth. So, if a current president says to the Lord "how can you rule over me because I have been elected by the people"? Jesus will answer "I have my office as ruler over you by God's election and by virtue of my resurrection from the dead, my indestructible life, and my installation, at God's right hand". (enjoying Christ publication)

It is He who changes the times and seasons; He removes kings and establishes kings. Daniel 2:21

So, at the end of the day, as written above, God is in control of our "kings and leaders". The best counsel I can give is to PRAY daily for peace in your family and in our country. Be a prayerful warrior when you are in a conflictual arena. It's just not worth the discord and lost relationships due to something that we cannot control anyway.

For the most part, anxiety is caused by fear of the future. If you are suffering from anxiety, sleep disruption and discord with others that is politically fueled from political fears etc. give it over to God and TRUST Him to handle what He said He would in His Word. Period. Remember, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed you can move mountains (through prayer and faith in God). Matthew 17:20

By the way, fasting TV news can be a GREAT thing!! I think you'll find your insides settling down and you'll enjoy life more without that constant barrage of negativity day in and day out. Give everything to God.

Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving (gratitude for what He has done) present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

Jesus wants us to have internal peace that cannot be shaken. He wants our eyes on HIM for EVERYTHING. So, do not fret, my friends, staying awake all night worrying about our political scene. God is in control and you need to really trust in Him because all of this stressing will not move the needle one bit, or God for that matter. Relax, get outside and take long walks praising Him for all of His goodness. Do things that give you joy; gardening, planting flowers, weeding etc. Choose happiness and positivity and most of all CHOOSE to mindfully TRUST GOD.

Peace and God's Blessings to you,
Dr. Sandy Pourcho

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